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## INVESTIGATIONAL WORK IN FARM MANAGEMENT AND FARM ECONOMICS.

### FARM MANAGEMENT WORK IN GEORGIA.

1. Surveys were begun several years ago in the three main divisions in the State. That is, in the Coastal Plain Region, Piedmont Region and Limestone Valleys. Mitchell County, in the Coastal Plain Region; Pike County, in the Piedmont Region, and Walker in the Limestone Region, were selected for this work. Fifty to seventy-five records are to be taken every two years for a sufficient period to permit a study of many factors affecting the organization and management of Georgia farms that can not be shown clearly by a study of only one year's duration. In all three areas cotton is used to more or less extent as the money crop, but the organization of farms in the three areas is somewhat different. We also coöperated with the Office of Farm Management and Farm Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, in repeating a study on over 500 farms in Sumter County, Georgia, for 1919. This study was conducted for the first time in 1913.

2. Cost accounting work with graduates of the institution who are now farming has just begun. An attempt was made to start this work with farmers who were picked out by the county agents. After a year's work it was decided that the man over thirty years old as a rule could not adapt himself to work of this kind who had not previously been keeping records. Many of them did not seem to have the training necessary to carry on the work. Therefore, a very simple book showing receipts and expenditures along the line suggested by Professor C. L. Goodrich has been put in use for the average farmer and the real detailed cost accounting confined to men who have had some training along this line.

3. The accumulation of data showing the time, its distribution and the materials necessary to carry on a given enterprise. These data have been collected in coöperation with the Office of Farm Management on cotton. Work is under way this year on tobacco. Some data have already been accumulated on peanuts. The hog industry has been started in the southern portion of the State. Various other enterprises will be taken up as rapidly as possible. The idea is to combine this eventually into a handbook for the use of the county agents.

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